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SUBJECT: LIBYAN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IN NORTHERN CHAD

REF: PARIS 24036; N'DJAMENA 2393

1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBASSY OFFINER, LIBYANS ARE ASSERTING THEIR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO PART OF NORTHERN CHAD BY BUILDING A HARD SURFACE AIR STRIP AT AOUZOU, WHICH WILL NOT ONLY MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO SUPPLY THE GARRISON THERE, BUT WILL ALSO TEND TO MAKE LIBYAN OCCUPATION OF THE AREA A PERMANENT FACT.

2. FRANCE IS OBVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO BE DRAWN INTO THE BORDER DISPUTE, BUT THE FRENCH POSITION, ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH

EMBASSY, IS THAT LIBYAN CLAIMS ARE WITHOUT VALIDITY IN LAW, SINCE THE 1935 FRANCO-ITALIAN TREATY ON WHICH THE LIBYAN CLAIMS ARE APPARENTLY BASED WAS NEVER RATIFIED AND FRANCE DOES NOT RECONGNIZE IT. THE FRENCH ALSO CITE THE OAU CHARTER WHICH PROHIBITS CHANGES IN COLONIAL BOUNDARIES.

3. RECENT CRITICAL ARTICLES IN THE FRENCH PRESS ON THE SUBJECT  
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OF THE LIBYAN CLAIMS HAVE ANNOYED THE LIBYANS, AND THE

FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS TRIED WITHOUT NOTABLE SUCCESS TO EXPLAIN THAT THE ARTICLES ARE NOT PART OF A NEO-IMPERIALIST PLOT TO SOW DISCORD BETWEEN BROTHERLY AFRICAN STATES.

4. IT MAY ALSO BE USEFUL TO NOTE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE THAT FROLINAT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN AN OFFICE IN TRIPOLI UNDER ABBA SIDDIQ,STEIN

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